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TODAY'S THOUGHT And those who hush-banded the Golden grain, and those who flung it to the winds like rain, alike to no such aureate Earth are turn'd, as, buried once, Men want dug up again.
Omar Khayyam.

THAT WASHINGTON HIGHWAY

From Virginia Highlands to the Long Bridge is about one and a quarter miles. We have had vague assurances, from time to time that a modern asphalt road would speedily replace the obsolete Belgian blocks that are now a terror to the way faring automobilist. Their antiquity may add to the interest of the sight-seer, but certainly not to the comfort of those who are obliged to motor to Washington almost daily. Good intentions may sometimes make a good paving material for other localities. But the people of Alexandria have no preference between them and cobblestones.

We beg to bring this matter to the attention of our friend, Mr. Edward Duncan, who we understand is the supervisor for the State Highway Commission in this district. We feel that some energy on his part might alleviate the present calamitous situation.

VIRGINIA'S FARM CROPS

The figures of the United States Census, just released, as to the farm crops of the country are highly interesting. The total value of Virginia's farm crops for 1919, was \$292,842,212, as against \$89,775,045 in 1909; that is, three times the money value. Of this value, about 109 millions were in cereals; 41 millions in hay and forage; 55 millions in vegetables, including potatoes and sweet potatoes; and all other crops about 87 millions.

The Texas farm crops for 1919 amounted to over a billion dollars; the second and third, respectively, were Iowa, with 890 millions, and Illinois, with 864 millions. North Carolina, our neighbor to the south, produced over half a billion, and Maryland, to the north, 109 millions; for the year 1919.

The entire United States produced for the same year, a total of \$14,753,358,407, as against a similar total of about five billions for 1909. Of course this unusual increase of nearly 200 per cent, in the ten years, was due to the war. In Texas, considerably over one-half the values were due to one crop, cotton.

It is evident, from a comparison with other southern states, that Virginia is not producing anywhere near her capacity. But we believe, with the present modernizing of her agriculture, and the stimulus given by the agricultural schools, state and federal agencies, that she will show a very marked improvement in the

next decade. Good roads are among the most important incentives, and the people are already thoroughly aroused as to their necessity.

FREDERICKSBURG FAIR

We are just in receipt of the premium list and program of the Fredericksburg Fair, to be held Sept. 27 to 30, inclusive. The annual fair held in our neighboring city is the oldest institution of its kind in the state, and we take the occasion to compliment the public-spirited men who are at the head of it.

The large premium list is certainly attractive. The amusements are plentiful and include a merry-go-round, whip, and a novel and fascinating ride called the Seaplane, as well as a variety of clean shows sponsored by an up-to-date amusement company. Races will be held daily, both trotting and running, and from the entries, will apparently be one of the drawing cards of the Fair.

We have no doubt the people of Alexandria will improve the opportunity of mingling again with their neighbors in Fredericksburg and can assure them a most pleasant and enjoyable time.

REPTILE TALES

(For The Gazette)

Python in Africa eat goats and pigs, but rarely if ever kill children. The ringed boar snake was worshipped by the early Mexicans.

A snake expels about two-thirds of its poison from its glands at the first bite.

There are four orders of reptiles—the Testudinata, or turtle; the Loricata, the alligator and crocodile; the Lacertilia, or lizards; the Ophidia, or snakes.

The boa constrictors make their monthly meal on from one to four rats according to their size. Birds and mice are the food of the black snakes. The big pythons eat from three to four pigeons every ten days.

The hoopsnake is a small snake of the South Atlantic States, fabled to take its tail in its mouth and roll like a hoop. Similar stories are told of the wampum snake, a closely related species, common in swampy ground in the South, and both are called "horn snakes." In reality both species are perfectly harmless.

Many lizards possess the power of snapping off their tail when that organ is seized by a would-be captor. Then the mutilated creature seeks the crevice of a rock, where it waits patiently for a new tail to grow.

Reo Ships Train Load of Speed Wagons

Another indication of a return to normalcy and a further proof that business conditions are getting back to their old time footing is evidenced by shipment of Reo Speed Wagons which has just been sent out by the Reo Motor Car Company at Lansing. This is the second solid train load of Reos to leave the Lansing factory within a period of 3 weeks. As in the previous case the train load is bound for the East, consigned to the Linscott Motor Car Company of Boston, Massachusetts. Reo officials believe that this is the first trainload of trucks ever shipped for commercial use. At least it is believed that it is the first train load of the same capacity and model ever sent out.

The first train load, about equally divided between Passenger Cars and Speed Wagons, was shipped to Boston two weeks ago. It comprised 237 units and this shipment was scarcely on its way when another telegram was sent from Boston asking for an additional train of Speed Wagons from the Lansing factory and the order is on its way.

Particular significance is attached to the fact that this train load of shipment consists entirely of Reo Speed Wagons. Upon this fact is based the contention that business conditions look brighter than ever before. It is pointed out that if one section of the country has sufficiently recovered from the general depression of a year ago to use Reo Speed Wagons in train loads lots, the outlook is surely to be regarded as encouraging.

According to the officials of the Reo Motor Car Company the recent prices are not entirely the answer to the greatly increased demand for the Speed Wagon. It is believed that this train load order of Reo products is simply an indication that business is pretty nearly back to its old status and upon comparing figures, the Reo officials claim that the demand is only a normal one and that is due entirely to the fact that the Reo Speed wagon is serving in the many and varied line of business which are once more stabilizing.

Business did accelerate at the time new prices were announced, but an important fact is pointed out in that the two new and improved models were announced at the same prices as their predecessors and that the demand for these has been just as great as for those on which the price was lowered. Now comes a greater demand than ever for the Reo Speed Wagon which is taken as proof that things are looking better than ever before not only in the cities but in the country as well. That whole train loads of Speed Wagons are speeding across the country to serve the eastern market is certainly encouraging.

LIBERTY BOND INTEREST PAID OUT IN VA. SEPT. 15th

More than \$900,000 will be paid out in Virginia by the United States Treasury on September 15, when the semi-annual interest on Liberty Bonds of the third issue falls due. Holders of bonds bought in this state or sold through Virginia banks will clip coupons amounting to \$936,036. It is

urged by Treasury officials that the interest collected on the bonds be re-invested in other government securities. A complete line of these securities, ranging in denomination from twenty-five cents to \$1,000 is now on the market at post offices, and offers an exceptionally attractive investment opportunity.

Figures compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond show that there were 173,787 subscribers to the third loan in Virginia. This represents a per capita subscription of \$20.56 as the total amount of bonds sold in the state was \$4,018,750.

In the Fifth Federal Reserve District, nearly \$4,000,000 in interest will be paid out September 15. A total of \$186,255,050 was subscribed in the district at large, by investors numbering 858,358. The per capita investment for the district averaged \$20.40.

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